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Junior high-school mathematics.—Another experiment in the adaptation of mathematics to the junior high school appears in the volumes¹ prepared by Miss Gugle. Book One is a book on business mathematics. It contains an account of a number of short methods of calculation and has a full discussion of business forms. Book Two is a book on geometry. It contains a large amount of very interesting constructive material which serves to demonstrate beyond any question the possibility of putting what used to be retained for the upper grades of the high school into a form easily comprehensible by eighth-grade pupils.

Supplementary reading material for geography.—Two volumes may be briefly mentioned as contributing that detail to the geography course which is necessary to arouse the vital interests of children. The ordinary geography book is so condensed in its statements that the child is left without any real comprehension of the country which he is studying. Supplementary readers have the double advantage of filling in this outline sketch of the textbook and also of giving the student an opportunity to secure a large training in silent reading. The recitations which follow the use of supplementary readers are sure to be more interesting to the pupils and to the teacher than the old form of recitation which simply went over the details given in the text.

The first book² deals with Central America, connecting the discussions with the historical beginnings of European contact with America and supplying also some account of the commercial relations which our own country is cultivating with the southern country.

The second book³ deals at some length with European countries and treats them chiefly from the point of view of their industrial development rather than from the point of view of their political characteristics.

Material for primary grades.—The Arleigh booklets published by the Crown Publishing Company contain material which is intended to be used in the lower grades for a variety of purposes. There are reading lessons⁴ in these booklets and simple exercises in arithmetic.⁵ Each booklet consists of some sixteen pages and is printed on cheap paper in pamphlet form so that children can handle the material with freedom and without waste. The author of these booklets gives the following account of her purpose and plan in putting them together:

"We are not exactly a real publishing company. Several of us teachers have been doing constructive research work for some years. We have collected a lot of material. The Los Angeles schools wished to use some of this so we had it printed for them. Now we get orders from all over the country. My investigating and writing tendencies got a good start while I studied two years under

¹ MARIE GUGLE, *Modern Junior Mathematics*. Book One, pp. ix+222, \$0.80; Book Two, pp. xiv+239, \$0.90. New York: Gregg Publishing Co., 1920.

² ROGER W. BABSON, *A Central American Journey*. Yonkers-on-Hudson, New York: World Book Co., 1920. Pp. ix+219. \$1.20.

³ NELLIE B. ALLEN, *The New Europe*. Boston: Ginn & Co., 1920. Pp. xii+435. \$1.00.

⁴ M. W. ARLEIGH, *The Jack Straw Primer*. South Pasadena, California: Crown Publishing Co., 1919. Six booklets in series; set, \$0.30.

⁵ M. W. ARLEIGH, *Automatic Exercises in Arithmetic*. South Pasadena, California: Crown Publishing Co., 1917. Ten booklets in series; set, \$0.50.